

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bivouac. We are grateful for their half-century as a vital member of our downtown Ann Arbor community and wish them continued success in the adventure ahead.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO LEGAL CLINICS—MARKING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. SARA JACOBS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University of San Diego School of Law's free legal clinics.

Over the past half-century, the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law's free legal clinics have offered assistance to underserved members of society while providing opportunities for law students to learn first-hand from highly skilled attorneys and interact directly with actual clients. These pro bono services to the San Diego community have provided direct client legal services to thousands of San Diego residents in need.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have developed a model program in the experiential training of law students in the practical application of their legal knowledge. This program has emphasized the principled practice of law, instilling in students the importance of just, ethical, and exemplary legal practice.

In recent years, USD School of Law's free legal clinics have expanded to distinct direct client services clinics.

The Appellate Clinic provides students the opportunity to litigate an appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This is a year-long clinic in which teams of students will handle appeals from start to finish.

The Civil Clinic assists in supplemental Social Security Income and Social Security disability, uninsured motorist defense and consumer issues.

Education and Disability Clinic represents clients at meetings with school district personnel and Regional Center Staff. Matters include school discipline (suspensions and expulsions), special education placement and services, Regional Center and Early Start services, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The Entrepreneurship Clinic provides comprehensive legal assistance to individuals who wish to start or expand a small business or not-for-profit organization, as well as for trademark and copyright issues.

Federal Income Tax Clinic represents taxpayers who have disputes with the Internal Revenue Service in matters such as collection actions or audits, earned income tax credits and offers in compromise.

The Immigration Clinic offers assistance for immigration-related problems such as asylum, immigrating family members, naturalization and deportation.

California State Income Tax Clinic represents low-income taxpayers who have disputes with the Franchise Tax Board in matters of state tax appeals.

California State Sales and Use Tax Clinic is a joint effort between USD Legal Clinics and

the California State Board of Equalization. Under the supervision of an attorney from the California State Board of Equalization's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, students will represent clients with Sales and Use Tax appeals before the Board of Equalization.

Veterans Clinic provides free legal assistance to veterans in disputes with for-profit institutions over the use of GI Bill funds and predatory lending associated with education loans. Legal services range from advice to identification of potential claims to representation of student veterans in litigation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Women's Legal Clinic will meet the legal needs of women, men, and families who are the victims of human trafficking and others by helping with domestic violence restraining orders, child custody and guardianship matters, and dissolution cases.

Workers' Rights Clinic assists lower-income workers with a variety of employment law issues including employee rights, discrimination, medical leave, workplace safety, unpaid wages, unemployment benefits, harassment and wrongful termination.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have provided tens of millions of dollars of free legal services to low income and underserved residents in San Diego County.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have trained many of San Diego's finest attorneys, who themselves have added to the reputation of the San Diego legal community.

Madam Speaker, for 50 years USD School of Law's legal clinics have made a tremendous difference in the lives of San Diego residents. The next 50 years promise to see outstanding benefits by continuing this fine tradition.

HONORING STEVEN SPURRIER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven Spurrier for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born on October 5, 1941 in Cambridge, England, Mr. Spurrier was raised by his loving parents, John and Pamela Spurrier. After receiving his secondary education at Rugby School, Mr. Spurrier went on to attend the London School of Economics. He entered the wine industry soon after he completed his education in 1964, becoming a trainee with the oldest wine merchant in London: Christopher & Co. After concluding his tenure with Christopher & Co., Mr. Spurrier moved to Paris in 1970 where he bought and operated a wine shop, Les Caves la Madeleine, the following year. Mr. Spurrier's shop quickly became one of the most renowned in the city. He then utilized his successes as proprietor to establish L'Academie du Vin in 1973, France's first private wine school that formed the steppingstones for modern wine education.

More notably, Mr. Spurrier organized a blind wine tasting competition, judged by French wine experts, between Californian and French wines with his colleague Patricia Gallagher. In what came to be known as "the Judgment of

Paris," wines from California won, paving the way for the global prominence of Napa Valley wine.

During his illustrious career in the wine industry, Steven received multiple international awards for his writing on wine. In 2001, he was awarded Le Grand Prix de l'Academie Internationale du Vin and the Maestro Award in memory of Andre Tchelistcheff, America's most influential post-Prohibition winemaker. His successes did not stop there, as he won Decanter Magazine's man of the year in 2017 for his devotion to wine appreciation, cultivation, and production. He was a recurrent judge for international wine tasting competitions and governed as chairman of the Japan Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards. After a life devoted to all aspects of wine, Steven passed away in March 2021, living on through his wife Bella, and his two children, Christian and Kate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Steven Spurrier has made a lasting impact on Napa Valley's renowned viticulture through his lifelong devotion to wine and community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the importance of robust funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The purpose of this program is to prepare the buildings that low-income Americans live in for the requirements of the 21st century.

The current limitations to the formula that provide funding for this program, however, will not cover the costs of ensuring that homes are cool enough in the hot weather, warm enough in the cold weather, or dry enough in any season. The formula for calculating the value of investments in homes must reflect the expected impact on the safety of participants and their homes under anticipated weather conditions, and the impact on their health and of adapting their energy system to meet future requirements. The current program cost limits mean that switching a home to a cleaner fuel mix is rarely possible. The same limits impede the integration of apprentice workers and other trainees into the program.

Therefore, the Secretary must ensure that the regulations for this Program achieve the statutory goals of permitting a combination of deep retrofit measures sufficient to keep participants safe from extreme weather conditions, minimize the greenhouse gas emissions from their homes, and ensure health conditions in weatherized homes.

The Secretary should establish the appropriate costs for an average package of retrofits that delivers retrofits of sufficient scale to produce safe, healthy, and efficient homes with the cleanest possible fuel mix, and to adjust applicable regulations to support this mission, particularly by ensuring the costs attributed to a home are no more than the costs of services provided directly to that home.

The Secretary should also simplify and streamline the procedures for delivering Weatherization investments, including the procedures for retrofitting entire multi-family buildings and the regulations regarding combination of Weatherization and funding available from other public or private sources for the same general purposes.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING AMY MERCADO

**HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Amy Mercado.

Amy was born and raised in the Bronx. Her mother, Carmen, was a New York City Police Officer, while her father, Victor, was a New York City Transit Police Detective. Amy and her family moved to Central Florida in 1996.

In 2004, Amy earned her bachelor's degree from American Intercontinental University and later earned her Executive MBA from the Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University. She worked in health care at Florida Hospital Orlando, now Advent Health. Amy has also served as the Director of Operations for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Program. Beyond these roles, Amy has worked in other diverse industries, including management, operations, and legal services.

In 2016, the people of House District 48 elected Amy to represent them in the Florida House of Representatives. She was subsequently re-elected in 2018. In 2020, Amy was elected to the office of Orange County Property Appraiser and is the first Latina ever to serve in this role.

Amy has continued to positively impact Central Florida through her public service and community activism.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Amy Mercado.

CELEBRATING REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. AMI BERA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Regional Water Authority and congratulate them on their 20th anniversary.

A reliable water supply is critical to the Sacramento region as it allows our families to thrive and our businesses to grow. The Regional Water Authority (RWA) was formed in 2001 with a focus on addressing the reliability, quality, affordability, and availability of our region's water supply. RWA is made of up cities, water and irrigation districts, mutual water companies, investor-owned water utilities and community services districts.

Over its 20 years of work, RWA has played a critical role in supporting effective manage-

ment of our region's water resources. From facilitating implementation of our region's conjunctive use program to reduce diversions from the American River during dry water years to preparing the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, RWA has served the Sacramento region well. Its work will continue to be critical as we face a changing climate and work towards a resilient water supply to support our vibrant economy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Regional Water Authority for their 20 years of work on behalf of the greater Sacramento region, and I look forward to working with them over the next 20 years.

HONORING JUDY SWANSON

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judy Swanson as she is honored by Peninsula Family Service (PFS) with a Lifetime Achievement Award. "Lifetime" has a special meaning in the case of this remarkable woman whom I've been honored to call a dear friend for over 35 years.

Judy is an exceptional community leader and philanthropist. She has dedicated her life to advancements in science, focusing broadly on oncology and science education. She personifies PFS's passion for transforming lives in San Mateo County. With her leadership, PFS successfully offers older residents services to keep them healthy and connected to the broader community. San Mateo County has a great deal of household wealth, but many families struggle. During the COVID emergency, PFS offered COVID information to the elderly, and continued its longstanding programs offering senior peer counseling, housing, nutrition and transportation assistance. Hundreds of children ages 0–5 from the most economically vulnerable families were served at early learning centers. Judy understands that this service is essential because 80 percent of brain development occurs during these early years.

As a member of the Hillsborough Auxiliary to PFS, Judy has helped dozens of participants in the organization's financial literacy programs take out small, manageable loans in order to meet their annual requirements and to build a credit score. Judy is a major benefactor and rolls up her sleeves when the auxiliary that she leads raises funds to support the mission of transforming lives.

Judy also serves as the CEO and Director of the Swanson Foundation and is a regular donor to leading research institutes and scientists in the United States. As a board member of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, she helps staff to identify researchers whose fields hold the greatest undiscovered promise in oncology. The institute funds researchers early in their careers and helps them thrive through the cycle of early discovery to the point where government grants begin to flow due to promising findings.

Judy's late husband, Bob Swanson, played this role for many years and ultimately helped co-found, and was the first CEO of, Genentech. Judy's dedication to oncology research is due in no small part to the fact that

Bob died far too early of brain cancer. In his memory, she fights for those for whom cures could be around the corner if enough leading-edge technology commences. She also supports oncology research at MIT, Bob's alma mater, and is a member of the President's Circle of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

Judy is also a strong supporter of science education and the arts, serving on the Tech Interactive in San Jose, and the board of the San Francisco Ballet. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and a lifetime member of the International Chapter of Young President's Organization and The Chief Executive's Organization.

Madam Speaker, the long recitation of activities of Judy Swanson does not describe the greatest fact of all: Judy Swanson has an enormous heart. She is constantly looking for opportunities to advance the quality of people's lives and generously supports programs and projects large and small. She deserves the appreciation of untold millions who will some day benefit through the discoveries she funds, the science lessons they learn at The Tech in San Jose or their experiences of joy through the San Francisco Ballet. We are only on Earth for the blink of an eye. However, Judy Swanson understands the point made by Archimedes when he said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." Judy Swanson moves the world with each day that she begins anew her life's work.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Malnutrition Awareness Week. This week marks the tenth observance of Malnutrition Awareness Week, which was founded by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in 2012.

Each year during this week, participating organizations seek to educate health care professionals about early detection and treatment of malnutrition, educate consumers on the importance of discussing their nutrition status with health care professionals, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

Malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as hospitalized patients, older adults, and minority populations. For example, one in two older adults is either malnourished or at risk of malnutrition.

Our Nation has financial as well as moral incentives to reduce malnutrition. Good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions, thus reducing health care costs. Untreated malnutrition can lead to the loss of lean body mass, in turn causing complications such as delays in wound healing and recovery from surgery, illness, or disease. In fact, the current estimated cost for disease-associated malnutrition in older adults alone is \$51.3 billion per year.

The good news is that common-sense solutions exist that can help reduce the prevalence of malnutrition now.